Albany, GA – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-2) commemorated this Memorial Day Weekend speaking at Andersonville National Historic Site's Annual Memorial Day Observance in Andersonville, GA, and American Legion Posts 30 and 512 in Albany, GA.

Congressman Bishop paused from his busy District Work Period schedule to honor the more than 770,000 veterans living in the state of Georgia, and the more than 170 brave men and women from Georgia who gave their lives in the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars.

"Every day, these brave men and women fight for our freedom, Congressman Bishop said. "Therefore, we must remember their contributions and sacrifices not just on Memorial Day – but every day."

Since 2001, 55,528 Georgia residents have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Of these 172, soldiers have lost their lives and 1,101 have been wounded.

Congressman Bishop is a member of the House Appropriations Committee and Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Co-Chair of the Congressional Military Family Caucus. He has also served on the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

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